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NAMES CZECH FOREIGN TRADE MONOPOLIES

29 CORPORATIONS TO CONTROL FOREIGN TRADE -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 1305,  
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It is reported from Prague that all corporations have been abolished in  
Czechoslovakia with the exception of the 29 listed below, which form the Czech-  
oslovak Foreign Trade Monopoly. The over-all functions of these organizations  
are given with their designations.

Carboexport -- Imports and exports coal (imports chiefly from Poland)  
Metalimex -- Imports and exports ores  
Ferromet -- Imports and exports metallurgical products  
Chemapol -- Chemical raw materials and products  
Slovenske Magnezitove Zavody -- Exports magnesite ores from Slovakia  
Celluloza -- Exports cellulose  
Papco -- Imports and exports paper and paper goods  
Centrotex -- Imports and exports textiles  
Exico -- The Foreign trade organization of former Bata Works  
Svit -- Foreign trade in leather and rubber goods  
Koopol -- Imports and exports of agricultural products  
Cukrex -- Exports sugar  
Sladovny -- Exports malt  
Chmel -- Exports hops  
Oleapol -- Imports and exports oil crops  
Centrokomise -- Foreign trade in groceries and other foodstuffs  
Kovo -- Foreign trade in machines and metal products  
Poldi -- Exports refined steel  
Keramika -- Exports technical porcelains  
Skloexport -- Exports glass  
Ligna (a) -- Imports and exports lumber and industrial wood products  
Ligna (b) -- Exports school and office supplies, especially pencils, which were  
formerly manufactured by Koh-i-noor, Hardtmuth  
Koh-i-noor -- Exports decorative items and small consumer articles  
Orbis -- Printing and publishing (including newspapers); directly responsible to  
the Ministry of Information. This corporation has a monopoly on domestic  
trade in antiquarian books and sheet music, the monopoly to import and ex-  
port literary and art books, and the monopoly to sell and trade postage  
stamps.  
Antiqua -- Exports antiques, especially furniture, rugs, etc.

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Supraphon -- Exports phonograph records and recording instruments  
 Tabakmonopol Corporation -- Imports and exports tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes  
 Darex -- Sells Czechoslovak export goods domestically for Darex crowns, a special currency against payments in foreign exchange or gold. Czechoslovak residents in illegal possession of hoarded valuables may exchange these in the Darex shops for textiles, shoes, refrigerators, food items and other goods. Darex purchasing certificates may also be bought abroad and sent to persons in Czechoslovakia, for conversion as described.  
 Metrans -- State monopoly for freight shipments to and from foreign countries  
 Statni Film -- Foreign trade organization for motion-picture films and supplies

One other state monopoly controls and protects the copyrights, in foreign countries, of Czechoslovak authors and composers. It is being reorganized at present.

#### APRIL FOREIGN-TRADE BALANCE FAVORABLE -- Rude Pravo, No 117, 17 May 50

Czechoslovak exports amounted to 3,170,000,000 crowns and imports amounted to 2,712,000,000 crowns in April, 1950; thus there was a favorable balance of 458 million crowns.

During the first 4 months of 1950, Czechoslovak exports amounted to 11,405,000,000 crowns while imports amounted to 10,833,000,000 crowns. The export balance, therefore, amounted to 5 1/2 million crowns.

Trade with the USSR and the people's democracies amounted to nearly 50 percent of the entire foreign trade.

#### DISCUSSES STATE TAXES, EXPENDITURES -- Hospodar, No 14, 6 Apr 50

Engineer Doctor Bedrich Spacil, Deputy Minister of Finance, revealed the following facts at the Socialist Academy on 27 March 1950:

The state enterprises pay the state a special profit tax which amounted to between 16 billion and 17 billion crowns in 1949 and which is estimated at 23.5 billion crowns in the state budget for 1950. The state enterprises pay 61.2 percent of the profit in this special profit tax.

Since World War II, the national income has been as follows (in crowns):

1946	--	163 billion	
1947	--	190	"
1948	--	214	"
1949	--	260	"
1950	--	290	" (estimate)

Expenditures for social welfare have been as follows (in crowns)

1946	--	6,900 million
1948	--	9,950 "
1949	--	11,140 "
1950	--	14,260 "

Expenditures for health have been as follows (in crowns)

1946	--	1,780 million
1948	--	1,940 "
1949	--	5,640 "
1950	--	6,620 "

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Expenditures for education have been as follows (in crowns):

1946	--	5,890	million
1948	--	7,210	"
1949	--	8,570	"
1950	--	10,250	"

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